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Students sought shelter from adverse conditions by holding the Activities Fair in the Cat Cavern.

Student Activities abound in the Cat

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for ASWU.

We've all heard students say at one time or another that there is nothing to do on campus. They must not have heard about the Student Activities Fair.

The Activities Fair is put on annually by the Office of Student Activities to help students get involved in the different groups at Willamette.

This year the fair had to be held indoors due to weather. However, it did not seem to affect student turnout.

"We got a tremendous response from interested students, especially freshman, who came to learn about ASWU and get involved in student government," said Beth Caralascio, Vice President of Programming

The fair was a great opportunity for students to get out and see what the Willamette Campus had to offer them.

With groups representing everything from the Greek system to athletics to political involvement, there was a niche for everyone who came.

Table after table was covered with info sheets and a tasty piece of candy or two as current members recruited new members for their organizations.

Mona Luqman, Vice President of Administration summed up the even by saying, "It was a tremendously positive experience."

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Willamette makes US News and World Report's "Top 50"

By ELLIE BAYRD
MANAGING EDITOR

The US News and World Report annual listing of "America's Best Colleges" is often anxiously awaited by colleges. This year, Willamette broke into the top 50, tying with Sarah Lawrence (New York) for 50th. Willamette University is the only private or public university in Oregon to rank in the top tier in the magazine listing. Reed College chooses not to participate in the ranking system. The top three Liberal Arts Colleges in the Top Tier (top 50) were Amherst, Swarthmore and Williams. Reed was in the 2nd Tier and Lewis and Clark was in the 3rd. President Pelton was delighted with Willamette's ranking this year. "We are, of course, pleased to be recognized in this listing as one of the leading liberal arts insti-

tutions in the nation," President M. Lee Pelton commented, "However, our primary focus has been and will continue to be strengthening academ-

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M. LEE PELTON
PRESIDENT

ic excellence and intellectual liveliness. We shall always strive to sustain an environment where teaching and learning flourish at the highest levels." US News and World Report changed some of its procedures this year, taking into account the spending of larger universities and if that money went to undergraduate or graduate programming. Due to the change, California Institute of Technology (4) moved up and Johns

Hopkins University (15) slipped down in the Top Tier of National Universities. US News and World Report lists their methods of ranking as consisting of three main steps. "The colleges are categorized by mission and region, and we gather data from each on up to 16 indicators of academic excellence. Each factor is assigned a weight that reflects our judgment about how much each measure matters. Finally, the colleges in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score. We publish the ranks of the top schools; the others are grouped into tiers." Pelton concluded by saying, "We will continue to focus on making Willamette University a place of excellence by attracting the best faculty, and enrolling the best students."

Baxter / Matthews plan for winter construction

By BEN KRUPICKA
NEWS EDITOR

In a pro-active attempt to deal with problems before they appear, representatives from Student Health Services, the Writing Center, and other East-side community groups have been meeting with the architects and developers of the Montag Recreation Center to devise a plan of action to handle probable disturbances. The drilling and excavation soon to take place in the area between Baxter and Matthews Hall will surely have an effect on the surrounding area. Therefore faculty and staff have been working with developers to ensure that these student services will remain available during the construction period. "Tom Neal, from the Physical Plant, [and I] have been working very closely with the staff at the Counseling and Health Center to deal with the noise

and disturbance that might appear in advance of each stage of the construction," states Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer. "We hope that any disruption of service or customer service problems that arise will be communicated in advance to the appropriate parties and will be resolved with the level of care and concern that students deserve."

The Bishop Health Center will be most affected by the construction of the Montag Center, expected to open next fall. The remodeling of Baxter Hall and setting the foundation for the new recreation center require drilling and excavation under the Health Center.

Vickie Simpson, Director of Student Health Services, has been meeting weekly with the architects to discuss drilling times. "What we're planning for is that if the architects and..."

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Where did all those sophomores go?

By ALI McCART
STAFF WRITER

Surely you've looked around in your 100- and 200-level classes lately and noticed the sophomores are incredibly outnumbered by freshman. Surprisingly, the class of 2003 seems to be shrinking as the class of 2004 moves in for an invasion.

Generally, a target for the enrollment rate is 420 in a freshman class. In the fall of 1999, only 365 young adults called Willamette their new home, according to Paul Olsen in the Registrar's Office.

As an already unusually small class, the retention rate is shocking. Though numbers are not official until September 12, the class of 2003's retention rate is expected to be only 86%, according to Tod Massa, Director of Institutional Research and Planning Support. With each percentage representing approximately 3.5 students, that's quite a drop. In comparison, the retention rates of sophomore classes since 1989 have ranged from 86.9% to a high of 92.5%.

"We have enjoyed a fairly high retention rate for some time," Massa said. "But I don't think this is a crisis."

As of the fifth of September, 315 members of the class of 2003 have returned, but this is just a preliminary number. Official numbers are expected to be lower, as many registered students do not notify the university when they are not planning to return. So far, 14 students have declared a Leave of

Absence for at least one semester, according to Olsen.

As far as the effect on the university Olsen said, "It produces a large number of freshman level courses. It probably made the impact [of the new class] easier to accommodate." The small sophomore class has made room for the unusually large freshman class in dormitories, classes, and especially language departments.

Of the 365 entering in 1999, only 133 were from Oregon, compared to 190 of the previous year.

"When we didn't meet our enrollment goal, we knew we needed to do some special focus," Rauch said.

Willamette University's special focus included co-sponsoring the Academic All Star Program with the Statesman Journal, increasing merit scholarship distribution by 11.5% per aided student, and raising the tuition by the smallest percentage rate in several years. Vice President of Financial Affairs, Brian Hardin stated.

"We're feeling like our efforts paid off," Rauch said.

There is no general explanation for the low retention rate in the class of 2003, as each student tells his own story of happiness or searching for greener grass in other fields. However, the sophomore minority is becoming more and more apparent.

"There seems to be a certain momentum to being in a large entering class," Olsen speculated. "Maybe last year's freshmen had a lack of momentum of that kind."

Cooperation key to handling disruptions effectively

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"...construction crews need to do drilling underneath us where Counseling, Disability and Health Services are, they will report to us a week before when they will be working so that we will be able to schedule around major disturbances." As well as flexible operating times, Counseling and Disability Services will use empty offices in TIUA so that they may continue to provide service for students. "Our whole goal is not to suddenly be surprised, and be in the middle of a counseling session or in the middle of an exam and have this drilling start. We really want to try and honor our mission, which is service to the students, the best way we can," Simpson explains. But as many people involved in the process realize, there could be surprises that would cause unforeseen disruptions to the Baxter/Matthews community.

The meetings between developers and student services have made it possible to

plan ahead for these surprises.

Construction of the Montag Center has been on hold since August 25th due to issues regarding the footing of the large recreation area, which has significantly decreased the amount of noise coming from the site. Writing Center Director and Associate Professor of English Gretchen F. Moon is excited about the remodeling the Writing Center will receive due to the Montag Center but is hopeful that construction will not affect the services of the Writing Center. "We're hoping that the construction in our space won't begin until May because we would like to make our services available without break until the end of the spring semester," she said.

Students will be kept informed of changes in the schedules of any services in Baxter or surrounding areas so that confusion will be at a minimum.

"The more info we can give people ahead of time the better off everyone is going to be," said Vickie Simpson.

Ambassador's gather in NY for United Nations Summit

By ROBERT
VENEMAN-HUGHES
STAFF WRITER

Dignitaries abound in New York this week for the United Nations Millennium Summit, which started yesterday. Central to the summit is Secretary-General Kofi Annan's push for more proactive peacekeeping efforts.

Outlined last year, the Secretary-General's ambitious plan calls for the United Nations to intervene in member-nations in cases of disaster and war, including ethnic and civil conflicts. To further this goal, Annan wants better-funded, better-trained, and better-equipped peacekeeping units that are guided less by borders and more by need.

Not surprisingly, other nations disagree. Theo Ben Guirab, president of the General Assembly and foreign minister for Namibia, has resisted efforts to remove anti-interventionist language from one of the declara-

tions under discussion at the summit.

Guirab is not the only one concerned about possible sovereignty violations. China worries about possible U.N. intervention in Taiwan; Russia has similar fears about Chechnya. Even Australia, traditionally allied with the United States and other proponents of increased intervention, has said that it will resist efforts by U.N. to monitor discrimination against the Aborigines.

At the same time as the summit, President Clinton will be continuing Middle East peace talks with Israel and the Palestinian Authority. He will be overseeing meetings between Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat, both of whom hope to meet the September 13th target date for a peace agreement.

Other issues under discussion at the summit include human rights, AIDS, poverty, and education. The United States is expected to take criticism for its unpaid dues;

official U.N. calculations suggest that the U.S. owes \$1.7 billion dollars; to hear Washington tell it, however, the sum is closer to \$1 billion.

It wouldn't be a meeting of world leaders without demonstrations, and the American people have never been ones to disappoint. The New York Police Department has over 90 registered demonstrations, and more than 8,000 police officers will be on hand to keep the peace. Reports estimate the total cost to the city will be over \$10 million dollars.

New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has warned New York residents to stay out of their cars to keep down congestion. Never to be left out, he had his own comments about the diplomats and world leaders: "They'll get protected better than anywhere else in the world, but as far as I am concerned, I think some of them are despicable, horrible human beings," he said.

Hallie Ford Museum displays "Best of Both Worlds"

By ELLIE BAYRD
MANAGING EDITOR

This Friday, September 8th, the exhibit titled "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms in Classical Art," on loan from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, will open at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. The exhibit consists of 80 masterpieces that represent Greek and Roman culture and art. "The exhibit is the first major exhibition of Greek and Roman art in Oregon," says Assistant Professor of Art History Ann Nicgorski. "It is an extremely important and groundbreaking event for the museum, the university, and the arts of Salem."

"Best of Both Worlds" will present a variety of works that deal with both the divine and real worlds. Nicgorski will kick off the opening with a lecture on Friday at 5pm entitled "The Aesthetics of Everyday Life in the Classical World." The opening reception will follow from 6-9pm. "The exhibit was brought here specifically to compliment the current World Views curriculum" Nicgorski explained. The present World Views focus is Ancient Greece.

In relation to this exhibit and the corresponding World Views class, Nicgorski organized special tours of the exhibit last semester. She worked with two Willamette students, junior Jeff Golimowski and senior Astrid Van Giffen. Together they designed two hour-long tours. The first, entitled "Tour Alpha: Greek Mythology" was designed by

Van Giffen and Nicgorski. The second, "Tour Omega: Everyday Life in Ancient Athens," by Nicgorski and Golimowski. Golimowski was excited to share his feelings on the project. "I was a student in professor Nicgorski's 'Roman Art and Architecture' class last fall and the opportunity to work with such amazing pieces of art was too good to pass up."

This fall, Van Giffen, along with Jason Galbraith and alumnus Lisa Rindfleisch will be conducting the tours for World Views students. Nicgorski expects that a lot of classes will be coming to the museum. "54 tours have been booked to accommodate over 1000 student visitors," Nicgorski commented. In addition, this past August, Nicgorski conducted two workshops on the exhibit, one for teachers in the Salem-Keizer schools and one for World Views professors. A family art workshop on Saturday November 11 from 1-4 in the Hallie Ford will also accompany the exhibit.

The Hallie Ford Museum of Art is open Tuesday-Saturday from noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, and free to children under 12. Willamette University faculty, staff, and students. For more information on the exhibit or family workshop, please contact the museum at 503-370-6855. The presentation of "Best of Both Worlds" in Oregon is made possible by a major grant from the Roberts Family, with additional support provided by the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust.

Cat Cavern becomes a fairground for a day



Photo by John Vollmer

A student demonstrates his strong martial arts skills Saturday.

Activities Fair exposes students to campus organizations, despite indoor location

By JULIE STEFAN
FEATURES EDITOR

This past Saturday, the Cat Cavern was turned into a display of Willamette clubs and groups during the annual Activities Fair.

Representatives from many different types of organizations were present. The booths not only allowed various organizations some exposure, but also gave new and veteran students the opportunity to discover new ways to participate in extracurricular activities. The event is planned by the Office of Student Activities and

helps kick off the new school year by giving ideas and refreshers on involvement.

Many of the groups shared the same goal. Kelly Arthur, a senior who represented the group Angles, wanted to "build membership and visibility on campus."

representative of The Wire, Willamette's campus radio station, said that the group "hoped to let the freshpeople get to know us and remind older folks that we're still here."

Several organizations used persuasive tactics to lure students to their table, including handing out candy, pens, cups, and frisbees. Angles gave out free condoms. Many thought that the response was positive. Arthur said that although we had "a few really interesting looks, we had a lot of supporters." Duvander commented that people were enthusiastic and that "there were plenty of people, including non-freshpeople, who had not heard of us."

Many of the group representatives also agreed that the fair was effective

in catching the interest of new members. Arthur regretted that it was mostly only freshmen who attended, but felt it was still a worthwhile event.

Josh Heumann, who represented

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ADAM DUVANDER
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WIRE

both the Jewish Student Union and the Willamette Socialist Union, disagreed with the amount to which students expressed interest. He felt the response was "only so-so. It still feels like people were responding to gimmicks rather than the clubs."

The Activities Fair is usually held on the quad, but weather forced the event to be moved indoors unexpectedly. Some people missed the openness and the sun of previous years. "It could not compete with last year when it was cou-

pled with the softball tournament," said Duvander. "I enjoyed that I did not have to duck away from foul balls." Heumann felt that the location discouraged visitors. He felt "that there would have been more people if it had been held outside."

Although the fair was scheduled from 11:00 to 3:00, most organizations packed up and left early. Despite this fact, many still considered the fair a positive event. Tina Ching, a senior and also a representative of The Wire, said it was the most successful Activities Fair she has been to, and that she has been to every one since her freshman year. "This year it was the most organized and festive," she commented.



Photo by John Vollmer

Members of the club Angles hand out licorice and condoms.

Fall means new beginnings and the senior theses

New classes, unpredictable weather mark the beginning of the school year and "lasts" for senior students.

By GEORGE CARLSEN
OPINIONS EDITOR

Summer is supposed to last until the 21st of September. So until that day, we should be playing outside, sitting by the Mill Stream, staying out really late and walking around in the beautiful still night air. School has started again and campus is hopping, that is, when the weather deigned to grace us with a clear sky.

Sweet lady weather, however, has given us dismal weather for two of the three traditionally beautiful Labor Day weekend days. And this is a metaphor for the way a lot of students are seeing the beginning of a new school year. Sure, there is tons of optimism and pep. "I feel excited, many boys on the radar screen. And I'm looking forward to frolicking in the fall leaves," said senior Maegan

Mary Lindsay. She then proceeded to drop the ball on a defenseless stuffed doll of the Macho Man Randy Savage.

Energetic souls like her will thrive in the cold winter on its way. But for many, parting with summer fun was hard. "It's a little depressing knowing that my summer on Survivor island is over," said Jamie Moshin, a senior.

Moving back into the school year ends countless hours spent outside. Seniors especially feel the change. "It's a little weird to be back, thinking it is the last year," added senior Tobin Addington.

However, it seems that there are more people with pep than there are people feeling jaded (although 511 freshmen might be weighing the scales a little to the pep side).

The Activities Fair last Saturday, in spite of the inclement weather, showed us that people are really excited about getting things started. The

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TOBIN ADDINGTON
SENIOR

Jewish Student Union had one of the biggest sign ups in their history, perhaps in part due to their "Jewsbee" give away (frisbees with the Star of David hand-taped on top).

Another club is foreseeing their best year yet. The Ultimate Frisbee Team is looking forward to a fun and energetic time. The disc-huckers have filled the quad enough to be overflowing with new players and veterans for their weekly practices.

They, however, do not mind that the weather time-bomb is ticking down to its eventual six-month-long rain explosion. And this year is supposed to be especially wet and cold. As senior Ultimate player Ryan Bruss said, "It's more fun to bid (which means dive after the frisbee) when the ground is soft and muddy." They will enjoy the turn into fall, and for a select few happy individuals, autumn means a break from the mundane and a break from Salem

altogether.

This fall is the beginning of an incredible learning experience in a foreign land for many students. The Study-Aboard office has already sent students to Ecuador and those going to Paris are packing their bags. For the rest of us, the Saturday/Sunday rain storms signified the return to a dismal scholastic forecast of hard study with breaks of insanity. Senior seminars, grad school classes, internships all are lining up to panic older students, not to mention extracurricular activities and social lives.

There is an element of fun in the most demeaning and tiresome Friday night in the computer lab, slaving over those long senior papers. The fun part is knowing that all of those freshmen skipping around campus will one day have to suck it up and waste their youth toiling over obtuse mathematical problems or the obscurity of mid-nineteenth century British poetry.

That is when seniors get to point and laugh, "Your day will come, child of the eighties."

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Japanese culture is brought to the Willamette campus

TIUA Students celebrate Japanese culture with the tenth annual Harvest Festival this weekend.

By JULIE STEFAN
FEATURES EDITOR

This Saturday, celebrate 2000 Years of Japanese History with the students of Tokyo International University of America. They will present the tenth annual Harvest Festival from 11:00 to 5:00 on campus.

The festival is an event planned by TIUA students to share Japanese culture and to convey their appreciation for the Willamette and Salem communities for their stay from February until

December.

The theme this year will present guests with historical events, attractions, and customs. There will be Taiko drumming, martial arts performances, customary dance, and Koto performances, which is a traditional stringed instrument.

There will also be a traditional wedding ceremony, a tea ceremony, and famous characters from Japanese history. Guests can participate in bamboo stilt races, have their picture taken in front of a well-known location or in a kimono, learn a festival bon dance, and see productions of calligraphy.

The festival will present modern Japanese pop music, Koto music, a traditional

choir, a kimono fashion show, and a samurai play. TIUA students have also created a haunted house and guests can listen to Japanese ghost stories.

**Saturday, September 8th
11am-5pm
Brown Field and
Jackson Plaza**

The Harvest Festival also contains Japanese cuisine, including yakitori chicken, beef curry, yakisoba, gyudon, choko bananas, bekkou candy and fruit anmitsu. The festival will be selling t-shirts with the Harvest Festival logo, Japanese candy, souvenirs,

and pottery from Hatsuyo's Japanese market in Salem.

The Hallie Ford Art Museum will join the Harvest Festival this year with a display of Edo period prints.

They will be open from 10:00 to 5:00 on Saturday.

The Salem Kawagoe Sister City Association will also join the festival this year by giving children the opportunity to draw pictures and write postcards that will be taken to Japan.

Tokyo International University, located in Kawagoe, is Willamette's sister city.

TIUA students have been preparing for the festival for six months. Students and teachers create the ideas for the festival, and all students

are required to participate. Akitoshi Sanae, a publicity member of the Harvest Festival, says the hardest thing about planning the event is "making decisions. What do we make or have space for?"

Although some agree that all the preparation can be bothersome, they are proud of the festival and are looking forward to this weekend. Kazuhiro Amanuma is most excited for the haunted house because he helped design and build it.

Yuki Nagao is enthusiastic about the food. She also says that the thing she learned about most in planning the Harvest Festival is cooperation. Admission to the festival is free.

Ultimate Frisbee Club: "Huckers" become a successful presence

Ultimate Frisbee Club welcomes new members.

By JAMIE MOSHIN and
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George Carlsen was teased as a youngster for being scrawny, non-athletic, and someone whose physical prowess was only suited to playing Magic. But one fateful day, as a freshman on our esteemed Quad, George had an epiphany. These people playing a random pickup game of Ultimate Frisbee were not brawny or sculpted He-Beasts. They were long-haired, tie-died, mellow "huckers," which is a term for throwing the disc. And he's no longer scrawny. He could keep up with them - "I'm not tall. I'm not hairy. And I don't smoke dope. But I can decapitate a seagull from fifty yards away with a Frisbee."

George felt that something was missing from both his life and the Willamette campus. And so, as a sophomore, George found his calling as a Bearcat and created the Willamette Ultimate Frisbee Club.

George went through the process of establishing the club through ASWU and mustering up a great following of fellow Frisbee flyers. He also managed to get Willamette registered with the Ultimate Players Association, but, "I never could have done it without the help of Nate Kice and Erin Winterowd."

For the past two years, the club has not only grown in numbers, but grown in skill. Last year, Willamette finished sixth in the Washington-Oregon Area. And this year, the club has enjoyed its biggest turnout in history. These numbers mean the club can only get stronger and better. "We have a lot of potential, but it's sloppy right now" says Ryan Bruss, a club member since its creation.

One of the strong points of the Ultimate Frisbee Club is that there is no gender exclusivity. In fact, the club is trying to form a women's team and is looking for new members.

Ultimate Frisbee also stands out from most other sports because of its quirky elements. Traditions, such as giving an original cheer after

every tournament game, add another intriguing aspect. Reed College is famous for their elaborate and innovative cheers in the post match ceremony.

Saturday night parties have strong presence, including "Duck" races, which consists of a relay race of chugging beer. "Naked Points" are always a crowd-pleaser, since almost everyone enjoys watching participants strip down to the buff and splash around in the mud in the quest for the disc.

But Ultimate is often more than mere recreation. Any glimpse at the Quad on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons at 3:30 will reward the onlooker with sights of diving bodies and full-out sprints to the end-zone. Ultimate combines



Photo courtesy of www.upa.org

The USA Ultimate Frisbee Team competes with Germany in a tournament.

skill, speed, and strength. It requires the stamina of a soccer player, the arm of a football player, and the body of a Michelangelo statue.

While you might not see too many naked points here at humble ol' WU, you will see some amazing plays. Tales are still kicked around here by some of the war-horses and veterans about the time so-and-so flipped and caught the disc in mid-air, or the impossible dive that won the game.

The Willamette Ultimate

Frisbee Club is always looking for people to join in the fun. This is a game that can stay with you for a long time. Ultimate Frisbee has life beyond the college years.

The Ultimate Players Association has open tournaments year round for all skill and intensity levels. Even if you're looking for just the occasional thrill, come either to watch or play with the frisbee club. George says, "Come out and huck some disk. It's great exercise, great fun, and everyone is welcome."

Students requested to make changes to Fussers online

Importance notice for students who want to change or update personal information in student directory.

By PAUL OLSEN
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

This year, making changes to your address and phone number will be on a screen.

The Registrar's Office, which publishes the Fussers Guide, the Willamette University student directory, is pleased to announce that Willamette Integrated Technology Services has made this year's directory

updates available online.

Students are asked to check the accuracy of addresses and phone numbers, and to indicate whether they would prefer to have any or all of this information listed.

To check your information, in the Fussers Guide, go to www.willamette.edu/wuonly/ and look for "Fussers Guide Verification Form".

You can also go to Willamette's Home Page, click on RESOURCES & SERVICES and then click on Campus Only.

You will be asked for your user name and password and

then can choose your preferences.

The Registrar's Office and WITS hope that you will find this online form to be easier and faster than returning documents by hand (as well as saving lots of paper!).

What's a Fusser? During the 1920's, men used to keep the name of women in little black books. These men were called "fussers" because of their dress and fastidious tastes. Willamette's first student directory was called the "Fussers Guide" in honor of these resourceful men.

The deadline for completing this form is Sept. 15.

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WITS exists outside of Smullin and helps students

Although there is confusion about their purpose, WITS is willing and able to help students.

By ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES
STAFF WRITER

Everyone on campus seems to agree that Willamette Integrated Technology Services is important, but no one is quite sure just what they do. Perhaps not surprisingly, freshmen are the most confused.

"They're like the tech people, right?" was what freshman Woody Stark said in response to questions about the group. His classmate, Bryan Goodwin, wasn't much better. "I think they run the web page, don't they?"

When asked, upper-classmen seemed a little more confident, but it was evident that some confusion still remained. Finally, one of the Smullin Lab Assistants was able to clarify things a little bit.

"I sit in the little office attached to the computer lab in Smullin," said senior Stephen Gingell, who works part time for WITS. "I answer any questions that people in the lab come to me with, and if I can't answer them I direct them to people who can. The other sort of responsibility I have is general maintenance of the lab."

He indicated that WITS did other things as well, but was less clear about the specifics. When asked what else WITS did, all he could say was "That's a good question. I'm not sure."

The WITS web page was more helpful in clearing up the mystery and explaining the purpose of the

organization. WITS stands for 'Willamette Integrated Technology Services,' and it is responsible for almost all of the technology on campus.

WITS' most visible incarnation, is, of course, the computer lab in Smullin. Most students don't know, however, that there is a second, often quieter lab on the third floor of Collins as well as small computer clusters in most residence halls.

"I answer any questions that people in the lab come to me with, and if I can't answer them I direct them to people who can."

STEPHEN GINGELL
SMULLIN LAB ASSISTANT

Indeed, several of the University's network technicians work right out of the basement of one of the oldest residence halls, Lausanne.

WITS doesn't just do computers, however. They are also responsible for the University phone system, though hopefully not for the pricing plan. They build and maintain many faculty and department web pages, though the main university web page is handled by an outside firm.

Another huge effect WITS has on the lives of students is its equipment services. WITS is responsible for all the projectors, televisions, and VCRs in the classrooms. While these things may not be glamorous, they're certainly important.

WITS, then, does a lot more than just help the students in the labs. The University, like every place else in this day and age, runs on technology – and it's WITS job to make sure it runs smoothly.



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Students in Smullin Computer Lab are able to receive guidance from WITS

Clearing the stage after Tuesday's BBQ



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Editorial

Is Willamette a first tier school? *Do magazine rankings reflect the quality of a school or is it all a bunch of hooey?*

Imagine if in your high school years somebody ranked every student in your class according to their popularity, intelligence, athletic skill and "coolness"—the personal worth of everyone written down on paper to prove, once and for all, just who was the Top Dog at good old Ridgemont High.

Think of how proud you would be if you were ranked in the top 50 most popular students—and how much prouder if you had moved up from your rank last year due to some scarcely perceptible changes in your persona.

A few cosmetic changes like trendy clothes, a snappier hair-cut, and picking up smoking is all you might need to crack into the first tier of "cool kids".

Admit it, you would be bragging that your coolness had finally been acknowledged by your peers.

Now contemplate what would happen if some real losers were ranked higher than you.

That kid with the runny nose who always wears that same "Property of Alcatraz Swim Team" t-shirt was ranked four kids higher than you.

Yeah, the kid who always plays Magic cards during lunch with the other three weenies ranked higher than you. It is this kind of snub to someone of your obvious "coolness" that makes you complain that the rankings were rigged.

Billy, who compiled the ratings in the school computer lab and passed them around to all of his friends who easily made the first tier surprise surprise, was out to get you. And besides, ranking systems really don't tell people about the REAL you.

Wondering where the metaphor lies? Well, according to U.S. News and World Report, Willamette has been ranked in the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the United States.

What does that mean for us? Well, the answer quite simply is that we can brag to everyone else that we were treated quite nicely in a maga-

zine popularity ranking system.

Who is the U.S. News and World Report? A magazine devoted to providing news and statistics to the general media consuming populace, always with the profit margin in mind.

How do they compile their ratings? The final standings are determined by several factors; class size, quality of incoming freshmen, endowment and most importantly, prestige.

They tabulate prestige by surveying random school administrators and asking them to rank other schools 1-5 as to which is better.

Should we care? Yes and No. The fact of the matter is that the only thing to change since the seniors were freshmen is that one of the few 50 student classes got canceled, sending a decimal point to the left and propelling us to glory.

Furthermore, the system began ranking the first tier as the top 50 rather than the top 40, so even if we only improved one spot, we have

changed character into an institution of excellence amongst the top tier schools of these United States. Right.

With any popularity contest you will find the winners making statements like President Pelton's response to the Statesman Journal Article of Friday September 1, 2000, "Willamette is a place of excellence, we are pleased that that excellence has been recognized."

On the other hand, the losers ranked lower than the magic card kings might say "This is not an honest ranking of university quality" as was said by a spokesperson for the University of Oregon, who's institution dropped to the third tier.

In the end, we can be glad that employers who have never heard of Willamette might see its name on the list of top tier schools and decide that the WU grad must be better than the Linfield grad, thereby increasing the value of a Willamette degree.

Like we needed a ratings system to know that.



Cartoon by Ki Sun Ruiz

Letters

An international student's perspective.

To the Editor:

As an international student, I know living in different culture is very exciting, interesting and amazing; at the same time, hard and difficult. Therefore, my long-range objectives to stay in the United States are to care about balance and composure in order to survive and enjoy WU life.

To put it concretely, the most interesting and valuable parts of staying in a different country are to meet new people, learn and experience new things. On the other hand, these new, different experiences also become overwhelming because environment, language, and routines are very different from

ours. We can also call this situation "culture shock". For that reason, it is easy to be panicked, confused and awkward. That is, we lose our direction in regards to what we should do. Then, all we need to do next is keep balance between our environment and ourselves.

In my case, I'm always worried about my English skills. Because I'm concerned about it too much, as a result, I lose composure and forget how lucky I am to be able to stay here. Also, I fear contacting with new people because I don't have confidence about my English. I know there are many other important ways to communicate with people other than English. For

example, other ways are eye contact, personality, hugs for people and gestures. These communications make sense for Japanese and English.

It should be recognized about the difference between the existence of who they are and who I am. Because of this, it is necessary to have composure to look around ourselves. If it is possible, we can see the light in any situation. Basically, I have the same idea even when I am in Japan which is my country. However, keeping these ideas in mind is a key point to being successful, especially to stay in a different culture.

Ran Kudo is a sophomore, sociology major.

A special message from our ASWU president.

Did you ever wonder what the heck goes on the third floor of the University Center? Have you ever paused to think about all that extra space on the other side of the Registrar's office?

In this very location your student body fees get spent, your electoral choices are put to work, and important decisions about Willamette's student life get made. It is in this space, the ASWU office, that I share many hours with BJ Southard (VP Executive), Mona Luqman (VP Administration), Garrett Kuramoto (VP Finance), and Beth Carlascio (VP Programming). Collectively, we are here to serve all Willamette students, address concerns, build community, and make student life on

campus more enjoyable.

This fall semester I plan to focus my energy on Election 2000. Through voter registration drives, on-campus debates, and all methods of publicity, I hope to show just how important this coming election is to America's future and encourage all students to cast their vote in November.

The American political scene is not the only factor affecting us as college students this year-- Willamette is continuing to review campus life and plan recommendations for the future. I will make it my responsibility to ensure that all students understand what these potential recommendations mean to their lives at Willamette University.

As you can see, things are happening on the third floor of the UC. So please, feel free to stop by and tell us what you think about Willamette or give us a new idea for an event on campus.

Courtney Gregorie is the ASWU President and a senior, politics major.

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RETRACTIONS

Last week's article in Features "A dance, spin, and a turn" incorrectly credited Alex Speaks with the motto, "Music Not Drugs."

The Collegian Regrets the error.

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The Weekly Wullabaloo Symposium

This week's topic: Should people give equal attention to women's professional basketball?

YES



JAMES BANKS

Why the WNBA is better than the NBA...kind of. Women's basketball plays with the fundamentals in a realistic way.

Originally, I was going to take the side of the negative in this symposium article. But after discussing the topic of the WNBA with many people, "I've had one of my trademark changes of heart." -C.

Montgomery Burns. Sure the WNBA doesn't have any players who can dunk from the free-throw line like Jordan, but that's missing the point. Here are my two major reasons why the WNBA is superior to the NBA.

1. Most importantly, the WNBA's motto of "we got next" should be changed to "we know how to play basketball." Let me explain. The ladies have so much of a purer sense of how to play basketball than the men, it's sad.

These women play basketball for the love of the game as an athletic competition, not for the entertainment value. The game played by the WNBA can be duplicated at any level.

Whether it's a summer YMCA recreational league or our own Bearcats (men or women), they are masters of the fundamental techniques of basketball. So many 12-year old boys just want to be able to dunk that they often forget how to pass the ball to

those other four people in the same jerseys as them. Hint: they are TEAMmates.

I realize that Rebecca Lobo will never have the ability to turn around from inside the key, lean on a player and then dunk on them, a la Shaq, but isn't that what we all criticize about him.

Since maybe 1% of the human population has the ability to do what NBA players do, wouldn't it be better to try to emulate the real life possibility of passing to the open player on a good screen.

2. Is professional basketball designed to be a marquee for the highest caliber of basketball players on the planet, or is it merely a Bob Costas fantasy soap opera featuring athletes instead of bad actors? The NBA is in the area of the latter. Players are encouraged in the NBA to show off, beat their chest, and make any gesture or slogan that can be marketed on T-shirts or video-games.

The nature of professional

sports should primarily be an athletic competition.

The fortune and glory (sorry Indiana Jones) will come when you've mastered the game. Michael Jordan didn't come out talking trash to Larry Bird and Magic Johnson. He earned their respect with his game. Only after several years did the shoe deals start arriving.

In conclusion, for all the "showtime" the NBA has with its league full of college drop outs, drug users (this means you Isaiah "Coke can" Rider), and 17-year old high school kids (sorry Kobe), the WNBA is a league made of women who haven't made it because of their multi-million dollar contracts.

They have earned their keep through years and years of unrecognized hard work. And now it's time for the true basketball fan to recognize this and honor it.

James Banks is a senior exercise science major from Roseburg, Oregon.

NO



MONA LUQMAN

The WNBA is a disgrace to equality because it blindly declares its inferiority to men's ball by its very format.

When some friends heard that I was against giving equal attention to women's professional basketball, they immediately jumped into a tirade about women not being able to dunk or dribble

properly. Let me say right away that I don't believe this is a discussion about the ability of women to play basketball compared to men or the differing styles of play.

Rather, I think the real focus needs to be on whether the league deserves equal attention based on the way it presents itself to the public.

Having played on a middle school team and spent countless hours playing pick-up games with my brothers, I absolutely believe that both men and women can play the game. I am in no way against equality when it comes to sports.

But ever since I first heard about the Women's National Basketball Association, or the WNBA, I have found myself disgusted at the tactics used to attract fans. The NBA Board of Directors approved the formation of the women's league in April of 1996, with the first games

scheduled for June 1997.

Very few people would tell you that basketball season is in the summer. High schools and colleges all play in the winter and much of the NBA season is in the winter, stretching into spring and summer only because of its length. But ads that have been running to promote the WNBA proudly declare that the women "got next," meaning that once the men are done, the women get to take the court.

The WNBA season is specifically designed so it doesn't interfere with the NBA, purposefully putting women in the back seat. The WNBA doesn't deserve equal attention because it isn't asking to be treated that way by promoting itself as a pick-up league. The women that are playing in this league are in many ways pioneers for young girls everywhere. I know that girls across the

country look up to professional players and, as a basketball fan, it is exciting to know that women are being given new opportunities.

But that purpose is tainted when league itself downplays its legitimacy. As much as I respect the women and their abilities, I will not support a league with such a skewed idea of equality. If the WNBA wants equal attention, it needs to present itself as an equal league to the NBA- not one only worthy of taking the court when the boys are done having their fun. It should not downgrade itself just to attract attention. There are countless ways to attract a fan base without degrading the league.

While most women players may not be able to dunk, they play one heck of a game.

Mona Luqman is a senior rhetoric and media studies major from Portland, OR.

Next week's topic: Should Cosmo be hidden from children?

Community Access TV in Salem offers g real opportunities for service

By TARA JENKINS

In the quest to receive an education that can be applied to the real world, people can often overlook some of the best opportunities available.

Capitol Community Television, also known as CCTV provides not only access to production equipment and classes to help the community learn to use it, but also the opportunity to air a finished product over the public access channels. Groans, giggles, or both often

meet the mention of public access, while controversial issues such as Jim Spagg's homegrown version of the Full Monty are often first to come to mind.

However, public access television makes it possible for anyone (including Willamette students) to make their voice heard locally, in a great alternative to the commercialized programming on other channels.

Community access programming is not limited to shows that test our first

amendment rights.

Within our own community, there are several incredibly creative people who have invested their time to put together more than one unparalleled series of shows.

In the last year, Salem's own award-winning CCTV continued another successful run of their acclaimed program, Mathemagica.

The diverse production crew of this program includes both teachers and students from Salem-Keiser middle schools, CCTV staff, community volunteers, and

even the occasional Willamette student.

For one live hour each week, a look at the programming lineup will prove that there is something for every member of our community.

If you're interested in volunteering for an established program or striking out on your own, CCTV is as close as the Salem Public Library basement, and may just be the forum you need to get involved and apply your education to the real world.

For more information, call 588-2288.

Is Bumbershoot anything like a snipe hunt?

By JEFF BENSON
STAFF WRITER

You know, summer days, are wonderful: they're filled with birds chirping, dogs barking, and, of course, donkeys making their sound.

But once a year and only once a year a thing called a bumper comes out of its protective nest to check out the world, much like a groundhog does on Christmas, or the Easter Bunny on Veteran's Day.

A bumper, for all of you who don't know, is a mystical animal that must be tamed, so as not to harm innocent, tree-hugging, vegetable-eating, clove-smoking, birkenstock-wearing hippies like me.

Therefore, it is important to control the bumper population through something we like to call a "bumbershoot."

That is why each year, at the time when bumpers normally come out to nest and plot their evil revenge alongside the Willamette squirrels, thousands of hippies -- and a handful of Seattle yuppies unite with the common goal of shooting bumpers.

Unfortunately, those same Nader-loving liberals realized along the way that this was wrong. I don't remember the official reason but I'm sure it was stupid. I mean, we have guns-let's use 'em.

Anyway, this paved the way for a musical festival revolving around the bumper.

I'll lay down the basic concept for all of you who don't know.

We would attempt to pound the bumper back into its little lair by blasting alternative music all around him.

At first this seemed like it would be enough: the bumper would realize that hippies lay in wait and therefore, he or she would continue to lurk beneath.

But it was not due to the lack of arts and crafts, making the first Bumbershoot without guns a horrible, bloody affair. 100 hippies lost their lives that day, my friends, Thai wraps in hand.

One of those hippies was my grandfather.

I was just a boy when he died, but I remember very clearly what he whispered in my ear as he lay there: "Avenge me!"

Actually, he asked if I could get him a date with my 2nd grade teacher, but I'm sure if he was in the right state of mind he would have wanted to be avenged.

To this day, I have lived up to that pseudo-promise and hunted the great bumper. And if any of you ever see one, tell it that I'm coming and Hell'scoming with me.

Event Listings

Major Events:

- **NXNW Music Festival**
Various Venues, September 21-23,
Fastixx

Concerts:

- **Suicidal Tendencies** Roseland Theater,
September 8, Fastixx
- **Counting Crows and Live**
Rose Garden, September 17,
Ticketmaster
- **Lonestar**
Spirit Mountain Casino, September 18,
Fastixx
- **Red Hot Chili Peppers and**
Stone Temple Pilots, Memorial Coliseum,
September 21, Ticketmaster
- **Everclear**
Eastern Washington University
September 28, www.ticketwest.com
- **Neil Young and Beck**
Rose Garden, September 30,
Ticketmaster
- **Oregon Symphony Gala With**
Tony Bennett
Rose Garden Theater of the Clouds
October 10, Ticketmaster
- **Barenaked Ladies**
Rose Garden, Theater of the Clouds
October 13, Ticketmaster
- **Christina Aguilera**, Rose Garden
October 18, Ticketmaster
- **Santana**, Rose Garden
October 24, Ticketmaster
- **Pearl Jam**, Rose Garden
November 2, Ticketmaster
- **Tina Turner**, Rose Garden
November 22, Ticketmaster

The Arts:

- **Ragtime**, Portland Civic Auditorium
September 5-10, Ticketmaster
- **Carmen**, Portland Civic Auditorium
September 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, Ticketmaster
- **Ringling Brothers & Barnum**
and Bailey Circus, Rose Garden
September 22, 23, 24, Ticketmaster

Sports:

- **TJ Maxx Tour of World**
Gymnastics Champions, Rose Garden
October 22, Ticketmaster

If you don't see your favorite events, let us know
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Tobin's Take: "Cell" out to gore, beauty

Movie: *The Cell*

Starring: **Jennifer Lopez**
Vince Vaughn
Vincent D'Onofrio

Director: **Tarsem Singh**

Playing at: **Santiam 11**

By **TOBIN ADDINGTON**
COLUMNIST

It's hard to know what to think of *The Cell*. On one hand, it is a film with an often breathtakingly imaginative look and feel. On the other, it is also a self-indulgent and needlessly gory mind trip.

In a plot caught somewhere between *Silence of the Lambs* and *Alice in Wonderland*, **Jennifer Lopez** (*Selena*, *Out of Sight*) plays a child psychologist who literally enters the unbelievably twisted subconscious of a comatosed serial killer

(**Vincent D'Onofrio**, from *Full Metal Jacket*). **Vince Vaughn** (*Swingers*, *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*) plays the FBI agent looking for the killer's latest victim before she dies a horrible, torturous death.

That's as far as the plot goes, and its purpose is easily served: to let music video director **Tarsem Singh** (*R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion"*

video) create the startlingly beautiful and cruel worlds inside the mind of a psychopath.

Vaughn is given the most transparent role, and seems very out of place. For much of the movie, his character's job is to provide just enough emotional context for us to accept that **Lopez's** psychologist should indeed risk her mind, body, and soul to go back into the killer's mind. It's hard to tell if **Vaughn** was miscast, or the part was poorly written. The answer is probably 'yes' to both.

Lopez gives as good a performance as the material allows—always playing second to the costumes and sets. We see her in outfits ranging from the Virgin Mary to Xena: Warrior Princess. **Singh** also plays with light and color to paint alternately hideous and serene environments.

Yet, for all its visual creativity, it is not an enjoyable movie to sit through. Far too often the environments take over, and the effectiveness and originality of the piece are lost.

There are times when the film seems to say, "Look at me! Don't I look cool?" Similarly, the excessive gore is presented as though its only purpose is to shock. At least it could be argued that the violence of last year's *Fight Club* was intended to make a statement. Here, however, gore is made to be exciting and relatively free from consequence—an ever more dangerous combination.

As I said before, it's hard to know what to make of *The Cell*. But as a friend put it: whatever it is, it's not worth \$8.

A Novel Idea: Labor Day road trippin'

By **LINDSAY WOLFF**
COLUMNIST

This past weekend I joined my fellow Willamette students in a Labor Day tradition...that last summer road trip.

Of course mine wasn't as glamorous as most: a three hour drive to the wilds of Eastern Oregon to grab the rest of my possessions from my family's house.

But with gas prices at two dollars a gallon, I now consider driving to Lancaster Mall a healthy road trip.

The fascination with the road trip has been around since the Model T, and some of the best novels out there focus on this great American pastime.

It all started with Jack Kerouac and a simple story of his time: *On The Road*. Here was Sal Paradise, a man with a fast life and slow cars, winding his way across the country, doing nothing but going.

On The Road doesn't just capture the spirit of a road trip. Kerouac's revolutionary stream-of-consciousness style reads as if you were riding in the back seat. The book is creative nonfiction, as Kerouac was known for touring the country. It is one thing to write a book that lets you escape from the real world for a while; it's another to let it take you somewhere in the process.

In *Travels with Charlie*, **John Steinbeck** takes his own chances on a road trip.

Unfortunately it was 1962,

and he was 58. In an apparent fit of middle age crisis, **Steinbeck** feels he is disconnected with his reading public, and decides to travel coast to coast in search of America. It's a nice premise, but the book ends up being little more than grumbling about what is wrong with the country.

When his truck breaks down in Oregon, the best thing he can say about the state is that it's rainy.

I can picture my Grandmother, who drives to

... the fascination with the road trip has been around since the Model T ...

Arizona every winter in search of sunshine, enjoying *Travels with Charlie*. But as a college student, you want something more out of a road trip than something to complain about.

But have no fear, **Steinbeck** can provide good road trip reading. *The Wayward Bus* offers a fresher view into the psychology of a road trip. Take ten people, stick them on a bus and have some crisis happen. In the hands of an MTV producer, it could be overkill. **Steinbeck**, however, writes a book that is hard to put down.

After a slow beginning, the crisis takes over and makes *The Wayward Bus* a better than average trip. It reads fast and is just long enough to tackle in a weekend. It's a

great book for sport team and choir trips. And I promise you will never look at a bus driver the same way.

Finally, modern reading for road trips is best summed up with **Sherman Alexie's** works. Anyone who has taken a road trip with someone they don't like should read *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, a collection of short stories sharing a common theme.

Besides being an incredible work of Native American writing, stories like *This Is What It Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona* capture the feeling of frustration that can come with sitting on a bus for twelve hours at a time. *Reservation Blues*, a novel by **Alexie**, features the droning Thomas Builds-the-Fire and his traveling partner Victor, as they organize a band.

Beyond the details of hauling the band all over Washington in search of a good gig, there is a spiritual side to the novel, with the mythical Big Mama, who was said to have taught **Jimmy Hendrix** and **Janis Joplin**.

If you can keep up with the metaphorical quest and the dense Native American spirituality, it's a great book to take along on those searches for enlightenment we sometimes call road trips.

These are just a few books to keep in mind next time you hop in a car. They're all available in the Hatfield Library, so check them out and save a little money for gas.

Christo's a magnifico value

Restaurant:
Christos Pizzeria

Address:
324 Church St. NE

Price Range:
Moderate

Rating:
Full Belly!

By JAMES BANKS
STAFF WRITER

I must admit that I haven't fully adapted to Goudy food quite yet. It's early in the school year and you have to take it easy.

With this in mind, I ventured downtown for a Friday lunch.

Christos Pizzeria, located at 324 Church St. NE, (just north of the Statesman Journal offices) is a fabulous find if you're a fan of authentic Italian pizza.

The restaurant itself is quite small and busy. It features approximately ten little round stainless steel tables.

You can't bring in an entire football team for dinner after a game, but it's perfect for you and a date.

Rather than your normal pizza parlor, this has the feel of a small coffee shop (NOT Starbucks!).

Italian magazines are scattered throughout the restaurant, just in case you want to look at the pictures.

Outside the shop, patio tables are available if the rain gods haven't settled in for the winter.

Ordering food at Christos is quite simple. You pick what you want on your pizza. You order a salad and/or a drink. You get served.

This is a good restaurant for the indecisive readers of this newspaper.

The entire menu (from what I could find) is written on a dry erase board above the cash register.

During lunchtime, the primary dish is the mini-pizza (served until 2pm).

About 6-7 inches in diameter, this steaming little delight will fill your stomach with doughy goodness. Mini-pizza, you complete me.

I splurged and went for the #2 Extra Value Meal, which included Greek salad (with lots of Fetta cheese) and



JAMES BANKS

Looking for that elusive cheap date in Salem? Christos Pizzeria downtown may be the best value in town.

pop with my mini-pizza. At \$6.95, this is a very affordable and competitive price for an authentic Italian pizza with salad and drink.

Their toppings of pizza are a little

... for under \$7 I had an excellent Greek salad, drink and an amazing pizza. Christos has already become a favorite for when I have a little spare change...

foreign if you are used to eating the Dominoes late night specials. I searched for words like "pepperoni," "pineapple," and "MEAT."

"Hmm, looks like I will have to let go of my traditional choices (important theme of World Views for my freshman readers) and try something different."

After scanning down the menu and seeing pesto (Yuk!), dried tomatoes ("Mom, I hate veggies"), and things I couldn't recognize, I found something interesting: Porcini mushrooms.

I enjoy mushrooms on my pizza, so why not. After seeing the cashier write "FUNGI" in big letters, I was a little worried.

But when my pizza arrived, I was more than happy.

The dough is hand tossed and is incredibly light and fluffy. When finished, you don't have that heavy feeling in your stomach. The crust is deep

and thick, a la` pan pizzas.

My pizza featured a light layer of cheese and tomato sauce on the top. Now for the big surprise, the Porcini mushrooms. Large, dried mushrooms had been gar-

nished over the top of my pizza. Eating with a fork (hey, it's a restaurant), I took a bite. "Magnifico" I shouted at the top of my lungs like Sandler's Opera Man. Not really! But I wanted to.

Fresh out of the oven, the steam warmed my body and the toppings satisfied my palate. The Porcini mushrooms were an excellent topping to choose.

The blend of cheese, tomato, and mushrooms is a splendid mix of ingredients.

It might even taste better than a

cheap pepperoni pizza.

I managed to finish my pizza and stumble outside, with a better sense of how pizza should really taste.

For under \$7, I had an excellent Greek salad, drink, and an amazing pizza. Christos has already become a favorite for when I have a little spare change in my pocket.

The atmosphere is very comforting and inviting to any age of customer. The hours are limited, from 11:30-6:30 Monday-Thursday.

But Friday nights, they are open until 9:00pm.

So take a chance and try something different than the usual delivery greasest on campus.

Walk down to Christos Pizzeria and try some fabulous pizza. You'll get great exercise from the walk down and you'll enjoy a fine little pizzeria for very little cost.

This week's new-to-video pick:

American Psycho

Mary Harron directs Christian Bale (*Empire of the Sun*, *Swing Kids*) as an incredibly charismatic yuppie serial killer in the 1980's. Is this a witty attack on a society with a near-sexual fetish for materialism? Or is it yet another example of the glorification of violence for its own sake? Either way, *American Psycho* is a film that refuses to be ignored.

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Volleyball ready for "dog fight" in 2000

By MONICA SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Coach Marlene Piper and the Bearcat Volleyball Squad dive into the 2000 season with full force.

The Willamette University varsity volleyball team this fall is currently ranked 4th in the Northwest Conference preseason coaches poll, under powerhouses Puget Sound, George Fox, and top ranked defending NWC champion Pacific Lutheran. But for those who know better, that's nothing to worry about.

Head Coach Marlene Piper, in her 30th season coaching volleyball at the college level (781-129), and her seventh year here at Willamette is one of those people. Calling their ranking somewhat "generous," Coach Piper gives a lot of well-deserved respect to the conference and the Bearcats upcoming schedule. "I always know PLU has great recruits coming in, and George Fox reloads every year as well. UPS got a Division I transfer we wanted, and Whitworth beat a lot of the big dogs on the block last year," said Piper. "There is also a new coach at Pacific who's taking the ball and running with it, and I know the coach at Lewis & Clark was everywhere I was recruiting, so it's going to be a real dog

fight."

With eight returnees and seven freshmen, this year's squad is young, but deep. Seniors Shannon Simmons (McKay HS, Ore.) and Kelly Sorenson (Scappoose HS, Ore.), as well as Juniors Kelli Truax (Seaside HS, Ore.) and Blair Hanson (Mountain View HS, Ore.) will be leading the team as captains. Sorenson was named to the second team all conference last year, leading the team in digs, digs per game, aces, and aces per game.

Coach Piper added, "Our upper classmen have been stepping up huge during pre-season. Shannon [Simmons] helped me organize their weight workouts, [Kelli] Truax worked on the pregame warm-up, [Kelly] Sorenson is really being a leader, and Blair [Hanson] has of course been a leader since she was a freshman."

Other returners include Diana Chamberlain (so., Mercer Island HS, Wash.), who started for the Bearcats last year as a freshman and led the team in assists and assists per game. Jami Tautfest (so., North Marion HS, Ore.), a defensive specialist, and JoLee Sturgell (so., Warrenton HS, Ore.), an outside hitter, have also been "making strides" this fall according to Piper. Shelly Patton, a 5' 11" sophomore (Saratoga HS, Wyo.) will be playing middle hitter and has also shown much improve-

ment.

The "freshmen seven" include Jaimi Truhler (Eisenhower HS, Wash.) who will be a two-sport athlete (also competing in track and field this spring). Truhler is described by Coach Piper as an "athlete" with a lot of possibility. Kelsey Gederos (Coquille HS, Ore.), a 5' 5" setter, will be trying out for basketball in the winter as well. Christina Siffert (Black Hills HS, Wash.), although

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HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

one of the shortest on the team is a "great jumper" according to Coach Piper, as well as a "diamond in the rough." Kristin Kirschner (fr., Eatonville HS, Wash.) and Jenni Linden (fr., Inglemoor HS, Wash.), will be playing middle hitter with Patton and Truax providing a lot of height. Sheena McKay (Brookings Harbor HS, Wash.) will be a versatile player, being able to hit from the left and right sides and also play at defensive specialist.

"Our freshmen are all very athletic young women; it's up to me to make them into college level volleyball players," said Coach Piper.

Two other role players include first-year player Lindsay Wetzler (so., Lutheran HS, Calif.), who Coach Piper describes as having tremendous hustle and "a pleasant surprise." Assistant Coach and team member Erin Cox (so., Alsea HS, Ore.) will be playing a double role as coach and player.

Coach Piper affirmed, "Erin has the expertise of a coach, and can therefore fill a 17th spot for us and play the role of a player coach, much like Vanessa [Hastings] did when she played here. Erin reminds me a lot of Vanessa in that way." Coach Hastings will be an assistant coach for her 3rd year at Willamette.

Although Coach Marlene Piper is still playing around with her starting lineup, she does seem very sure that this team will be very competitive this fall. "We've had good practices, very competitive. Our scrimmages have been fun, intense, and productive."

The Bearcats hosted their first home games on September 1st versus Dominican and Cal State-Hayward, losing both home matches to Dominican University of California in four games (13-15, 10-15, 15-10, 6-15) and Cal State-Hayward in three games (7-

15, 8-15, 6-15). Both California teams started their season off 2-0 after their games this past weekend.

Against the Dominican Penguins and the Cal State Pioneers, now both 4-0 after their Oregon-Washington tour, serving was perhaps their "biggest problem" according to Hanson. The Bearcats had a total of 20 service errors, and only eight aces. Six of those aces were against Dominican.

"I feel like we played 17 strong. Earlier today we weren't connecting, on and off the bench, but against Cal State we picked it up and everyone seemed into the matches. I don't think the score really depicted the effort we put out against either of these teams," Hanson added.

Sorenson led the team both games in digs, owning 25 touches against the Dominican offense and 21 in the Cal State-Hayward match.

Chamberlain and Truhler fronted the Bearcat offensive attack with a total of 35 and 23 assists respectively for the weekend.

Simmons went out of the second match of the day with a shoulder injury. There has been no word on how it will effect her last season here at Willamette.

The Bearcats face off against Seattle University this Friday here at home at 7:00 pm.

Interview with Bearcat Bryon Holloway

The Bearcat Tightend sheds some light on the Bearcat football team and season

By ROWENA ZIRBEL
STAFF WRITER

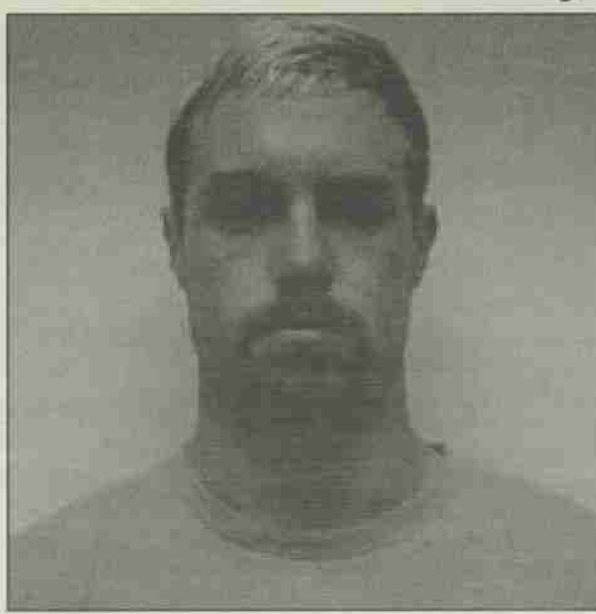
Collegian: Can you tell me a little about your involvement with football?

Holloway: I started as a freshman in high school because I was too big to play in the pee-wee leagues. I played for four years in high school. Both my junior and senior years, my team went to the CIF (California Int) Championship. My senior year my team was the second best team of our school size, and the thirteenth best of the state. I was also named best tightend in CIF southern division 4, my county and my league.

Collegian: Have most of the players played as extensively in high school as you?

Holloway: Most of them have played all four years in high school. Most have played four years, some more. A couple didn't play much high school ball at all. One of our captains joined the marines and attended a junior college before attending Willamette. Another joined the army, then went to junior college, and then came to Willamette to further his education. Neither expected to play following high school.

Collegian: What sort of opposition do you face this season?



ELLIE BAYRD

Bryon Holloway. Bearcat tightend. WU student. Californian. All-around nice guy.

Holloway: The hardest part of the season is that we will be traveling for two weeks in a row, first to LA then to San Antonio. In LA, we will play Chapman University. They have more preseason all Americans than we do, but we feel that we have a better team. We're ranked 18th in the country for our school size, and Trinity is ranked number two.

We're also going to have to come together as a team because we have six returning starters total and other teams have five on defense alone. Some of our guys have playing experience but have never started.

Collegian: What qualifies a player as a starter?

Holloway: Starting means that when the first play goes out, those people are on the field. They're usually considered the best player of their positions.

Collegian: Thanks for the clarification. It sounds like you're up against some tough competition.

Holloway: Another challenge is that the Northwest conference, which we are in, is probably the best in the country. Last year PLU won the national championship. They are in our conference and Willamette had beaten them previous to the play offs.

Collegian: What do you consider the team's greatest strength?

Holloway: It's hard to explain. Our greatest advantage is that we are a team. In some of the bigger schools, it is highly competitive, and each player has to prove themselves by themselves. At Willamette, everybody helps everybody to become the best player that they can be regardless of competition. We all want to win.

Volleyball			
8th	Seattle	Home	7:00
9th	La Verne	Away	noon
13th	Linfield	Home	7:00

Men's Soccer			
8th	Cal Lutheran	Home	6:00
9th	Alumni	Home	3:30
10th	Chapman	Home	noon

Women's Soccer			
8th	Cal Lutheran	Home	4:00
9th	Alumni	Home	2:00
10th	Chapman	Home	2:00

Football		
9th	Chapman	Away 7:00

The National Scene

This Week in Sports...From Outside the City of Salem
Compiled by MARION HUNT
SPORTS EDITOR

***Another Williams sister face-off** might lie ahead in this year's U.S. Open as both Venus and Serena barely escape the "loser boot" in early matches and advance to the quarterfinals.

***Things aren't looking so great for the Dallas Cowboys** as wide receiver Joey Galloway cashes in early for the season with a torn ligament in his left knee. To make matters worse, quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Randall Cunningham are both labeled as questionable for Sunday night's game in Arizona.

***Another ligament tragedy**, Bronco's running back Olandis Gary is out for the season after completely tearing his right knee ligament in Monday night's loss at St. Louis. Adding to the Bronco's woes, former league MVP Terrell Davis twisted his left ankle in the game. This is not good...not good at all.

***A bench-clearing brawl** between Tampa Bay and Boston results in the suspension of five Devil Rays including outfielder Gerald Williams who is out for five games and fined \$2,000. Williams charged the mound after being nailed by a Martinez pitch (see the Athlete of the Week below).

***Ken Griffey Jr. has been in the news lately** as he continues his downward spiral in Cincinnati. He entered September hitting .264, 32 points worse than his lifetime average. Griffey's average has fallen since his start, causing one NL coach to describe his play as "depressing." Junior, upset with the harshness of the media, has vowed to no longer conduct feature interviews for the rest of the season. Due to this unfortunate assertion, *The Collegian* apologizes that the Griffey interview we had planned won't be included in next week's edition.

The Willamette women's soccer team returns from a winning weekend

The Bearcats come home victorious after two shutouts from their weekend down in sunny California.

By KATE HASS
STAFF WRITER

Willamette women's soccer looks forward to another successful season as the team returns home from a winning weekend. The team brought home two wins, both shutouts. The Bearcats defeated Bethel, a team out of Michigan, 5-0 for their first win. Junior Amy Morris had a hat trick.

In their second game, the Bearcats defeated Redlands 3-0. This was an exciting win, as Redlands is one of the top twenty teams in the nation. In their upcoming games, the Bearcats will play teams ranked in the top ten.

Junior Karen Heaston said, "We are very excited about our win against a

top twenty team. This weekend will be very important for us too. It is really important for us to win on the road if we want to be successful on a national level at the end of the season."

Thus far, the women on the team are headed in just such a direction. The Bearcats have a very fresh team this year with seven freshmen and one transfer joining the program.

However, let it be known that a new team does not mean a weak team.

Two of the freshmen women have been placed as starters. Sophomore Julie Horrigan comments, "We have a very solid team this year, perhaps even stronger than last year."

There are no weak links. We are lucky to have such a deep bench where we can sub anyone in with full confidence."

The women will face Cal Lutheran this Friday here at home beginning at 4:00pm. Come and show your Bearcat Spirit.

"We have a very solid team this year, perhaps even stronger than last year. There are no weak links."

JULIE HERRIGAN
SOPHOMORE

Editor's Athlete of the Week



Boston's pitching ace Pedro Martinez owned the week as he lead the Red Sox in two victories.

He pitched a thriller of game against Tampa Bay, holding a no-hitter until the 9th. Pulling 24 strikeouts and only 7 hits, Martinez finishes with a .53 ERA on the week.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: AUG. 27-SEPT. 2, 2000

Criminal Mischief

August 30, 6:30 a.m. (Waller Hall) - Campus Safety Officer discovered that the flagpole lanyard had been cut during the night.

August 30, 8:30 a.m. (Kappa Sigma) - A fire extinguisher had been discharged all over stalls, floor and towel dispenser in the bathroom on the second floor of the building.

August 28, 2:39 a.m. (Doney Hall) - Campus Safety received a call concerning a crash and loud hissing noise that came from near Residence Life.

Officers noticed a thick layer of dry chemicals from the extinguisher on the hall floor and all circuit breakers in the basement had been switched off. Officers reset the circuits and confiscated the extinguisher for evidence.

Emergency Medical Aid

September 1, 8:48 p.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus Safety responded to a call from a student who had bumped and scratched her scalp. Officers responded and advised the student to call if signs of drowsiness or swelling occurred.

August 29, 11:56 a.m. (Collins Science) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call concerning a student who had suddenly passed out in the building.

The student reported feeling dizzy and not having eaten much that morning prior to spending the day in a hot classroom. WEMS evaluated and concluded the situation.

Fire Alarm

August 29, 1209 p.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus

Safety Officer responded to a fire alarm along with Maintenance and Salem Fire Department.

Maintenance fixed the technical problem and Salem Fire Department cleared the scene. Several classrooms of students never evacuated building and one student reported their Professor would not let them leave when the alarm sounded.

Policy Violation

August 28, 2:24 a.m. (Matthews Hall) - Campus Safety Officers responded to a call concerning sounds of a fire-works-type explosion. The caller observed two suspects enter a nearby fraternity.

Property Damage

August 29, 6:40 p.m. (Hatfield Fountain) - Campus Safety received a call from a student saying that while kicking around a soccer ball he

accidentally broke the lamppost globe near the fountain. Maintenance was called and globe replaced.

Suspicious Person

August 30, 6:15 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) - Campus Safety officers responded to a call from a student saying that there was a suspicious person that had just been in Lausanne and was asking for the location of the WITS office.

The officer contacted WITS and found suspect in Cone Chapel crying and appearing both disoriented and distraught. The suspect said they were just praying. Officers escorted the suspect off campus.

Theft

September 1, 2:12 p.m. (Matthews Hall) - Campus Safety received a report that two love seats that had been stolen

from the Matthews Hall lounge. Signs were posted asking for their return.

September 1, 9:46 a.m. (TIUA) - Campus Safety was called to the TIUA kitchen to confront a student suspected in the theft of some ice cream from the ice cream cooler on August 30, 2000.

August 30, 5:58 p.m. (Goudy Commons) - Campus Safety received a report of a backpack stolen from the front lobby cubbyholes.

August 30, 11:34 a.m. (Lausanne Hall) - A bicycle was reported stolen from the rack on north side of Lausanne. Bike had been secured with a combination chain lock.

August 29, 3:00 p.m. (Physical Plant) - A ten inch double window fan was stolen from the bottom of the steps at Maintenance East.



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